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# Urban District of Audenshaw

## Report

on the state of the

## Public Health of Audenshaw

Year ended 31st December, 1966

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Chief Public Health Inspector - Meat & Foods Inspector.

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Administrative/Technical Assistant.

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Typist.

Miss.M.V. Hague.

# S T A T I S T I C A L

The following are the General Statistics for the year 1966:-

Area of District, in acres	...	...	1,241
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Population (Census, 1951)	...	...	12, 650
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Population (Census 1961)	...	...	12, 112
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Estimated Population at the middle of 1966 supplied by Registrar General	...	...	11, 850
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Number of Inhabited Houses (Census,1951)			4, 221
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Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1966 in accordance with Rate Books			4, 344
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Rateable Value	...	...	£444,887
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Sum represented by a penny rate		...	£1,800
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Public Health Department,  
Ryecroft Hall,  
Audenshaw.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Mr.Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the health of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1966, as made to the Minister of Health in accordance with his instructions.

The population as estimated by the Registrar General in June 1966 was 11,850, this shows a reduction of 30 from the previous year of 1965.

The number of births was 160, 20 less than the previous year, and there were 134 deaths, 1 less than in 1965.

It is gratifying to note the reduction in the total number of infectious cases notified during the year. No cases of diphtheria or polomyelitis occurred.. It is to be hoped that this result will encourage continued attention to the importance of prophylactic immunisation.

Deaths due to accidents (motor or other) have kept a steady rate during the past ten year. There were 5 deaths due to bronchitis compared with 10 in 1965. It is pleasing to note that there were no suicides reported for the year.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. W. E. Pollitt who left the Department in November 1966 after 13 years service and the members of the Public Health Department Staff for their co-operation and loyalty. I take this opportunity of thanking the Councillors of the Public Health Committee and Council Officials for their continued encouragement and support.

I am Mr.Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant,

HAZEL I. ASHFORD, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

# V I T A L      S T A T I S T I C S

<u>BIRTHS:</u>		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	...	83	70	153
Illegitimate	...	1	6	7
		<u>84</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>160</u>

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated  
resident population 13.5

Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated  
resident population ... 13.9

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Stillbirths - Legitimate	...	2	-	2
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-
		<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total  
(Live and Still) Births ... 11.0

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Births - Legitimate	...	85	70	155
Illegitimate	...	1	6	7
		<u>86</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>162</u>

## DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE:

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	1	-	1
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-
		<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

## INFANT MORTALITY RATE:

All infants per 1,000 live births 6.2  
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate  
 live births ... 6.2.  
 Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate  
 live births ... -



# NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age:-

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Illegitimate	...	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS 6.2.

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS 6.2.

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (Stillbirths and deaths during the first week) PER 1,000 TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS 18.5.

PERCENTAGE OF ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS 4.4.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Maternal Deaths ... -

Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 total births -

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
DEATHS.	...	70	64	134

Death Rates per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1965:-

Crude	...	...	11.3.
Adjusted	...	...	12.4.

DEATHS FROM CANCER (All ages) ... 30

DEATHS FROM MEASLES (All ages) ... -

DEATHS FROM WHOOPING COUGH (All ages) ... -

DEATHS FROM GASTRITIS, ENTERITIS AND DIARRHOEA 2

## TABLES.

Tables, 1, 2, & 3 give a comparison of the birth and death rates with previous years.

Table 4 classifies the deaths under certain heads

Table 5 & 6 classify and compare the deaths in certain diseases during the last ten years.

Table 7 classifies the deaths of infants under 1 year of age



TABLE NO.1.

COMPARISON OF LOCAL BIRTH AND DEATH RATESWITH THOSE OF ENGLAND & WALES.

Year	Population	Birth Rate		Death Rate	
		Local	England & Wales	Local	England & Wales
1956	12,530	12.10	15.50	12.60	11.70
1957	12,480	13.20	16.10	14.00	11.50
1958	12,450	14.30	16.40	11.50	11.70
1959	12,440	15.00	16.50	11.70	11.60
1960	12,420	13.70	17.10	9.60	11.50
1961	12,150	15.60	17.40	12.60.	12.00
1962	12,060	16.50	18.00	13.20	11.90
1963	12,050	16.80	18.20	11.40	12.20
1964	11,890	15.10	18.40	10.50	11.30
1965	11,880	15.20	18.10	11.40	11.50
Average of 10 years		14.75	17.19	11.85	11.69
1966	11,850	13.50	17.70	11.30	11.70

TABLE NO. 2.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Year	No. of Deaths	Rate of Deaths per 1,000 Births Local	Rate of Deaths per 1,000 Births England & Wales
1956	6	39	23.8.
1957	5	30	23
1958	3	16.9	22.5
1959	3	16.1	22
1960	2	11.8	21.7
1961	2	10.5	21.4
1962	9	45.2	21.4
1963	6	29.6	20.9
1964	4	22.3	20
1965	-		19.0
Average of 10 years		22.1	11.7
1966	1	6.2	19.0

TABLE.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS PER

YEAR	Live Births		Deaths (All causes)		Stillbirths	
	No. Regist- ered	Rate per 1,000 pop.	No. regist- ered	Rate per 1,000 pop.	No. regist- ered	Rate per 1,000 pop.
1966	160	+13.5	134	+11.3	2	12.3
" 1965	180	+15.2	135	+11.4	2	11.0
" 1964	179	15.1	125	10.5	4	21.9 <sup>+</sup>
" 1963	203	16.8	137	11.4	2	9.8
" 1962	199	16.5	159	13.2	3	14.9
" 1961	190	15.6	153	12.6	3	15.5
Average 5 years 1961-65	-	15.8	-	11.8	-	14.6

+ Adjusted (live birth rate comparability factor 1.03) =  
 (death rate " " 1.10) =

1,000 OF ESTIMATED POPULATION.

Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
		Total		Neo-Natal	
No. of Deaths Registered.	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of Deaths Registered.	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of Deaths Registered.	Rate per 1,000 live births
-	-	1	6.2	1	6.2
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	4	22.3	4	22.3
-	-	6	29.6	3	14.8
-	-	9	45.2	8	40.2
-	-	2	10.5	1	5.3
-	-	-	21.5	-	16.5.

15.8 per 1,000

11.5 per 1,000

T A B L E N O. 4.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1966.

	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	1	-	1
Tuberculosis, other ...	-	-	-
Syphilitic diseases ...	1	-	1
Diphtheria ...	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections ...	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-
Measles ...	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	-	2	2
"    "    lung, bronchus ...	6	1	7
"    "    breast ...	-	1	1
"    "    uterus ...	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	13	4	17
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	-	-	-
Diabetes ...	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	14	25
Coronary disease, angina	15	6	21
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1
Other heart disease ...	5	8	13
Other circulatory disease ...	2	-	2
Influenza ...	-	1	1
Pneumonia ...	5	12	17
Bronchitis ...	2	3	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	2	2
Nephritis and nephrosis ...	-	1	1
Hyperplasia or prostate ...	-	-	-
Pregnancy, child birth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations ..	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	5	11
Motor-vehicle accidents ...	1	1	2
All other accidents ...	-	-	-
Suicide ...	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
ALL CAUSES:	70	64	134



T A B L E N O. 5.

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES.

DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Disease	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	4
Cancer	30	21	23	24	33	44	23	36	21	22
Influenza	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	17	7	2	8	7	6	2	6	3	5
Bronchitis	5	10	10	15	9	9	8	8	14	7
Gastritis Enteritis and Diarrhoea	2	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	1	-

T A B L E N O. 6.

RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE.

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000</u> <u>Estimated population.</u>	
1956	...	0.08
1957	...	0.32
1958	...	Nil
1959	...	0.08
1960	...	Nil
1961	...	Nil
1962	...	0.08
1963	...	0.16.
1964	...	Nil
1965	...	Nil
Average of ten years		0.07
1966	...	0.08

T A B L E N O.7

INFANT MORTALITY 1965.

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	Under 1 mth	3 months
Intra Cranial Haemorrhage	-	-	-
Atalectasis	-	-	-
Prematurity	1	-	-
TOTAL :	1	-	-



PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

There was again a reduction in the number of infectious cases notified during the year, there being 140 cases as compared with 158 in the previous year. This was due to the reduction of dysentery cases, 16 as compared with 35 in 1965, and the 2 whooping cough cases as compared with 7 in 1965.

There were no cases of poliomyelitis or diphtheria during the year.

Five patients were admitted to Westhulme Infectious Diseases Hospital, the causal diseases being as follows:-

Meningitis	1
Encephalitis	1
Measles	1
Diarrhoea	2

T A B L E N O. 8

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Deaths during 1966.

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

No evidence has been forthcoming of persons suffering from active tuberculosis carrying on employment in milk production or distribution trades, and no compulsion was necessitated in the removal to hospital of any tuberculosis person.

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS.

The number of cases on the register at 31st December 1966 was as follows:-

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Total Cases		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
17	6	23	2	1	3	19	7	26

## LABORATORY FACILITIES

Pathological and bacteriological specimens were dealt with at the Withington Public Health Laboratory.

Specimens were examined, as detailed hereunder:-

<u>Nature of Examination:</u>	<u>No. of Specimens.</u>
Typhoid, Salmonella and Dysentery Groups of Organisms:	109

The kind assistance and advice given by Dr. Abbott and his staff was greatly appreciated.

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T A B L E N O . 9 .

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1966.

Notifiable Disease	Total Cases All ages	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	Unknown	Total Deaths	Total Cases removed to Hospital
Scarlet Fever	13	-	-	1	2	1	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	105	5	9	22	20	13	35	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
(excluding rubella)														
Food Poisoning	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	16	-	1	-	-	1	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	140	6	11	23	22	16	47	5	3	5	2	-	-	1

## HOSPITALS.

There being no hospitals within the district, facilities are provided by the Manchester Regional Hospital Boards as follows : -

- (a) General Medical and Surgical cases were treated at hospitals situated in the Municipal Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne; City of Manchester and County Borough of Stockport.
- (b) Infectious Disease : -  
Hyde Isolation Hospital, Westhulme Infectious Diseases Hospital; Monsall Infectious Diseases Hospital, Manchester.
- (c) Tuberculosis:-  
Home visits, chest clinic and sanatorium treatment are provided for all known cases.
- (d) Maternity : -  
Cases are admitted to Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, and St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

## LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES.

The Lancashire County Council is the Local Health Authority for the area and, through the medium of Divisional Health Committee No. 17, of which Audenshaw is a constituent district, provides the following services:

1. Maternity and Child Welfare.
2. School Medical Services.
3. Day Nurseries.
4. Midwifery.
5. Health Visiting.
6. Home Nursing.
7. Domestic Help.
8. Vaccination and Immunisation.
9. Prevention of illness, Care and After Care.
10. Mental Health.
11. Ambulance Services.
12. Health Education and Propaganda.

The Divisional Medical Officer locally responsible for the above services is : -

Dr. Eric Foster, M.B.Ch.B., D.P.H.  
Divisional Health Committee No.17  
Divisional Health Offices,  
St. Michael's Square,  
Ashton-under-Lyne.



Public Health Department,  
Ryecroft Hall,  
Audenshaw.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF  
THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Mr.Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the environmental health and cleansing service of the district for the year ended 31st December, 1966.

Unfortunately the preparation of this report was retarded by the resignation of the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. W. E. Pollitt.

The refuse collection service was maintained on a seven day collection. There have been difficulties due to sickness, but in the main an excellent service has been provided.

May I on Mr. Pollitt's behalf, take this opportunity to thank all members of the Health Committee, Dr.H.I.Ashford, and all members of the staff and employees for their help during the year.

I am, Mr.Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. C. Woods,

Chief Public Health Inspector.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

### WATER SUPPLY.

Water for the district is supplied by the Ashton, Stalybridge and Dukinfield Joint Water Board. The water which is upland surface water, has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

No samples were taken by the Chief Public Health Inspector during the year.

The following water samples were taken within the district by the Water Board:-

Samples Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
15	14	1

## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

All the property in the district is supplied with fresh waterclosets with the exception of three outlying farms which have pail closets. There are no waste water closets in the district.

Sanitary accommodation as the present time is as follows:-

Fresh water closets	...	4486
Pail closets	...	<u>3</u>
		<u>4489</u>

## SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The effluent from the town sewers was treated by the Ashton, Stalybridge and Dukinfield Joint Sewage Board, with the exception of three premises on the Audenshaw/Manchester boundary. These premises are connected to the Manchester Sewage System.

Only new houses were connected to the system during the year, and no serious nuisance has been experienced. Again where possible a free service with regard to the unstopping of house drainage was provided.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

### SCAVENGING.

Main roads in the district are swept and kept clean by means of a Yorkshire/Karrier Sweeper Collector. The only difficulty experienced in this regard has been in connection with Guide Lane which forms the approach to Jackson's brick yard and tip. Droppings from motor vehicles, coupled with increased volume of vehicular traffic, make it almost impossible to keep the road clean.

There has been no additions to the classified roads in the district during the year and the list of classified roads remains as follows:-

Class 1 road	2.41 miles
" 2 "	1.54 miles
" 3 "	1.30 miles
Unclassified road	8.0 miles
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Total ...	13.25 miles
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## REFUSE COLLECTION

The provision of a seven day refuse collection has continued throughout the year. This has been achieved by the co-operation of the refuse collection personnel and a strict control over the deployment of labour, especially during times of sickness of the regular refuse collection staff and holidays.

The collection of extraordinary items of refuse from dwelling houses is a service which is greatly used, and it is rather annoying to find that a few of our residents still persist in dumping at certain points within the district unwanted items of refuse, when a call or a postcard to the Department will relieve them of the necessity to even carry it a yard.

## REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The refuse collected within the district is disposed of by controlled tipping at Jackson's Quarry in the Guide Lane Area of the district.

The private portion of the quarry is rapidly filling up and it is estimated that in the next six to twelve months the quarry will be completely filled. The purchase of land at Shaw Clough on the Audenshaw/Denton boundary will then be brought into use as the Council's tip. This land is ideally suited for the purpose, as it is well away from dwelling houses and will provide tipping facilities for the next 25 to 30 years.

# REFUSE COLLECTION

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
(a)Collection				11,166.	1.	9.			
(b)Dustbins				798.	9.	10.			
(c)Salvage				<u>134.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>8.</u>			
				12,098.	13.	3.			

## INCOME:

(a)Salvage	204.	19.	0.						
(b)Sale of Dustbins	899.	5.	8.	1,104.	4.	8.	10,994.	8.	7.
							(net)		
Cost per ton collected				...			£1.	16.	10 $\frac{3}{4}$ .
Cost per 1,000 population							£838.	13.	4.

# REFUSE DISPOSAL.

<u>Expenditure:</u>	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
(a)Disposal				2067.	9.	6.			
<u>Income:</u>									
(a)Salvage	24.	4.	3.						
(b)Tipping charges	<u>113.</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>137.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>1929.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>3.</u>
							(net)		
Cost per ton disposed				...			0.	5.	8.
" " 1,000 population							132.	18.	10.

# DUSTBIN STOCK.

(Period 1st April, 1966 to 31st March, 1967.)

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Quantity sold</u>	<u>Cost to Local Authority.</u>	<u>Estb. Charges.</u>	<u>Total</u>
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Dustbins	503	798. 9. 10.	100. 15. 10.	899. 5. 8.



## SALVAGE

The collection of salvageable materials from within the district is a very important part of the refuse collection service. It reduces the volume of refuse, it reduces the risk of tip fires, (by collecting paper separately). It helps to reduce the towns rate if only by a small amount and helps the Country as a whole by the salvaging of raw materials which may, if there were a shortage have to be imported.

The total income for the year was £204, this is a reduction on the previous year due to the absence of a market for the paper collected.

### WASTE SALVAGE STATISTICS.

	1965/'66	1966/67	1965/66			1966/67		
	Tons	Tons	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	114.61	40.35	574.	1.	3.	180.	14.	9.
Ferrous Scrap	2.86	2.03	17.	3.	6.	12.	3.	0.
Non Ferrous Scrap	.13	.10	6.	15.	9.	5.	6.	3.
Textiles	4.66	1.12	24.	19.	3.	6.	15.	0.
Bottles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	122.26	43.60	622.	19.	9.	204.	19.	0.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT

The chart shows the different areas under smoke control and the acreage of the district which is covered by smoke control orders at the end of the year:-

Area	Acres	Premises			Total
		Domestic	Industrial	Other	
No. 1	29. 4.	192	1	-	193
No. 2.	31.46	283	26	3	312
No. 3.	492.053	122	2	6	130
No. 4.	110.0	450	35	5	490
<u>TOTAL</u>	662.913	1047	64	14	1125

## ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS.

The treatment of dwelling houses for the eradication of insect pests was carried out during the year.



PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PEST ACT 1949.

	<u>TYPE OF PROPERTY.</u>	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No of properties in district	4143	4
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	1060	-
(c) No. of (b) infested by rats	126	-
- mice	92	-
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats/mice for reasons other than notification	30	-
(e) No. of infested by rats	1	-
- mice	2	-

## RODENT CONTROL

The manholes of the town sewerage system were treated twice during the year and on each occasion fluorocetamide was used. This has the advantage of being a direct bait, therefore, only one visit per manhole is required.

## SCHOOLS

Normal routine inspections were carried out on the schools in the year. The provision of school meals is a service to be commended, the standard of hygiene at the three school kitchens in the area is very high indeed. At the three schools where no dining room is available the facilities at the disposal of part-time meals service staff is used to its full advantage, and these ladies in part-time service are to be applauded in their efforts to provide lunches in a hygienic and comfortable manner for the children attending the schools concerned.

All schools have a hot and cold water supply with wash-basins and all the school yards are satisfactorily surfaced.

- FACTORIES -

Routine inspections of factories was carried out, but the number of inspections was greatly reduced on previous years 20 inspections only being made in 1966.

This is due to shortage of qualified staff and it is regretted that this routine work has to be curtailed.

FACTORIES ACT 1937  
to 1961 - Part 1.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises.	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	48	10	2	
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	10	-	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>	52	20	2	-

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found		
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Amount of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7):-			
a) Insufficient	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-

CUTWORK.

Sections 133 and 134.

	Nature of Work		
	Wearing Apparel Making, etc.	Rubber Trimming	Urbrellas, etc.
Number of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	12	9	2
Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	-	-	-
Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	-	-	-
Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	-	-	-
Notices served (6)	-	-	-
Prosecutions (7)	-	-	-

## OFFENSIVE TRADES.

At the commencement of the year there was one fellmonger within the district.

No nuisance has been experienced, but again it was not possible due to staffing difficulties to make inspections.

## HOUSING.

The demolition of property in the Poplar Street Clearance Area was completed during the year.

Inspection of dwelling houses on receipt of complaint was carried out and no cases of overcrowding were discovered.



S T A T I S T I C S

Number of new houses erected during the year:

(i)	By the Local Authority	...	147
(ii)	By other Local Authorities	...	-
(iii)	By other bodies or persons	...	-

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	171
(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose		523
(c)	Number of dwelling houses found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	...	129

2.	Total number of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit	...	NIL
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3. HOUSES DEMOLISHED. In Clearance Areas - (Housing Act, 1957 and Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954):

	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	32	45	34
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2). Housing Act 1957 ...	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas:</u>			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1957 ...	-	-	-
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health ...	-	-	-
4. <u>UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED:-</u>			
	Number		
(1) Under Section 16 (4) 17(1) and 35 (1) Housing Act	-	-	-
(2) Under Section 17 (3), 26 Housing Act 1957.	-	-	-
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18. Housing Act 1957	-	-	-

5. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority ...	22	-
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Under Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act 1957 ...	44	-
(3) Under Section 24 Housing Act 1957.	-	-

5. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (HOUSING ACT, 1957):-

Position at end of year:

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation.

(a) Under Section 48

(b) Under 17(2)

(c) Under Section 46

(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53

Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in Column (1) (2)
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

6. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT:-

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year

Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in Column (1) (2)
6	22

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7. HOUSING ACT 1949 AND HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS)  
ACT 1958 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ETC.

No applications have been received in connection with the above Act.

8. HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959 -  
STANDARD GRANTS.

Action during Year.

No. of dwellings or  
other buildings affected.

(a) submitted to local authority	26
(b) approved by local authority	26
(c) work completed	26

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Visits were made to food premises within the Urban District, but these visits were insufficient to keep a proper control. This, of course, is due again to shortage of qualified staff.

The following premises were registered under the Lancashire County Rivers Board and General Powers Act, 1938 for sale of ice cream, the manufacture of sausage or preserved foods:-

Butchers	...	9
Dairy Farms	...	1
Grocers	...	17
Sweets & Confectioners	...	13
Cafes	...	2
Canteens	...	2

The examination of food stocks resulting in the condemning as unfit for human consumption 627lbs of food.

The following list is a list of food premises by type of business, in the District at the end of the year.

General Grocers and Provision Dealers	...	33
Greengrocers and fruiterers, including fishmongers	...	15
Meat Shops	...	13
Bakers and confectioners	...	6
Fried fish shops	...	5
Shops selling sweets, minerals, ice cream		10
Licensed clubs, canteens	...	30

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FOOD SAMPLING.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955.

Lancashire County Council are the Food & Drugs Authority for the County District of Audenshaw, and routine food and drugs sampling has been carried out by them during the year.

Lancashire County Council have also taken samples to ensure clean and wholesome milk supplies within the district.



